

Subject
311-12

19 February 1952

Major General William J. Donovan
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Two Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear General:

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In connection with your letter of January 18 on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I have received the following information. You will
recall that I interviewed [REDACTED] on 16 July 1951 and
sent him on to Personnel. There was considerable interest
and undoubtedly the interest was strong enough to give him
the feeling that he would be given a job. Just what was said
I do not know, but no one in the Agency is authorized to
make a commitment prior to security clearance. Eventually,
in December [REDACTED] was sent a rejection letter. This
is a situation with which we are occasionally faced and which
cannot be handled to the complete satisfaction of the indi-
vidual concerned. I do not blame [REDACTED] for being dis-
gruntled, but I do not believe he was given a run around.

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With reference to [REDACTED] who was referred to you
by [REDACTED] of Dartmouth, there has been immediate interest.
I hope this one is handled better and comes out satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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